



Occidental Park Kiosk/Structure Public Meeting #1 Jan. 24, 2007

Meeting Notes

On Jan. 24, 2007, Parks held the first of three public meetings concerning the proposed Structure Replacement in Occidental Square Park. The meeting was held in a first floor space in the Maynard Building at First Avenue South and Washington Street which was donated by Pinnacle Reality.

The meeting ran from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and was facilitated by Karen des Ford des Champ. Patrick Donohue Parks Project Manager attended the meeting and Catherine Anstett, Parks Public Information Officer acted as greeter and lobby/building access control. Four members of the OTAK design team were in attendance. Frank Worsham of the PSCA was in attendance.

Eight citizens signed in and participated in the meeting. During the introduction, Mr. Fritz Engebretsen, a participant in the "litigation" spoke for about three to four minutes about the "great victory over the City on 11/9/06" when Judge Erlick issued his ruling. The facilitator, keeping the meeting on track, stopped Fritz asked him to wrap it up and introduce himself.

At the completion of all of the introductions the project manager spoke briefly on the history and background of this proposed project along with a few words about the legal status of the project.

The thrust of this meeting was to "ask" the community what they felt the look and feel of the proposed new structure should be. To accomplish this, the Facilitator ran charette-like process, asking participants questions and requesting one word written responses. These were collected and grouped/collated and discussed as the final step in the process. This approach worked really well, engaging the participants and some great idea were generated. The Facilitator has collated all of the information and it is available for review.

A second meeting will be held this spring. A date has not been determined.